

Response After Final Rejection
Applicants: Ivo Panzani et al.
Serial No.: 10/805,086

Attorney Docket: DID1041USC1

REMARKS

Claims 1-15, 21 and 22 are pending. This Response is presented in a *bona fide* effort to place this application in condition for allowance.

Title

The Examiner requests a new title that is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed. The title has been changed to read --METHOD FOR CONTROLLING THE WASHING STEP IN A BLOOD CENTRIFUGATION CELL--.

Specification

The first paragraph of the specification has been amended to indicate the current patented status of the parent application.

Double Patenting Rejection

Claims 1-15, 21 and 22 have been rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-15 of U.S. Patent No. 6,716,151 to Panzani et al. The Examiner states that a timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.321(c) may be used to overcome this rejection, provided that the present application and the Panzani patent are shown to be commonly owned. 37 C.F.R. § 1.130(b).

Attached to this Response is a proper Terminal Disclaimer. Please debit our Deposit Account No. 16-2312 for the fee of \$130. 37 C.F.R. 1.120(d).

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CONCLUSION

With the entry of the attached Terminal Disclaimer, all rejections have been overcome. A Notice of Allowance is solicited.

If any additional fees are required in connection with the entry and consideration of this Response, please charge any additional fees to Deposit Account No. 16-2312. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 not accounted for above, such an extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to our deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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